

Appl. No. 10/773,559

Election dated 12/14/2006

Reply to Restriction Requirement of 11/09/2006

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Appl. No. : ~~10774,559~~ *10773,559* Confirmation No. 3556
Applicants : Hiromichi KOBAYASHI et al.
Filed : February 6, 2004
Title : Carrier Core Material, Coated Carrier, Two-Component
Developing Agent for Electrophotography, and Image
Forming Method
Art Unit : 1752
Examiner : Hoa Van Le
Customer No. : 28289

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MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated November 9, 2006, in which a shortened statutory period for reply was set for one month. A one-month Petition for Extension of Time and requisite fee accompany this Response.

Election of Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.

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The Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121 as follows:

Group I: Claims 1-4 and 11-15, drawn to a non-magnetic metal oxide composition;

Group II: Claims 5-10 and 34-38, drawn to ferrite containing composition;

Group III: Claims 16-31 and 39-50, drawn to coated metal oxide particles;

Group IV: Claims 32 and 51, drawn to an electrophotographic developer; and

Group V: Claim 33, drawn to a copying process.

Applicants hereby elect for further prosecution the invention of Group III including claims 16-31 and 39-50, drawn to coated metal oxide particles.